

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended): Metallic device for use as intermediate between any stand and photographic camera, making it possible to position a crucial point of the lens, such as the nodal point or the focus, just above the rotation point of the head of the stand, so that the assembly including the photographic camera pivots around the focus of the lens,

wherein the device comprises three plates having their main planes parallel to each other and adapted to slide relative to each other, such that:

- the first plate, a base part, is adapted to be fixed to the head of the stand,
- the second plate is adapted to slide the optical axis of the lens laterally on the rotation axis of the stand,
- these two plates being blocked, the third plate, adapted to carry the photographic camera, is adapted to position the focus of the lens just above the rotation point of the head of the stand.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented): Device according to claim 1, wherein the device is in light alloy.

4. (Previously presented): Device according to claim 1, wherein the stand is a tripod.

5. (Currently amended): Device according to claim 2 1, wherein the plates are in light alloy.

6. (Currently amended): Device according to claim 2 1, wherein markings are located on the plates to help slide and position the plates.

7. (New): Device according to claim 1, wherein the first plate has first side rails mounted

on the first plate, said first side rails defining a first groove along a first direction, the second plate being adapted to slide between said first side rails.

8. (New): Device according to claim 7, wherein the second plate has second side rails mounted on the second plate, said second side rails defining a second groove along a second direction transverse to the first direction, the third plate being adapted to slide between said second side rails.

9. (New): Device according to claim 7, wherein the first groove has a cross-section having a shape of a trapezoid with a large base at the bottom of the groove.

10. (New): Device according to claim 8, wherein the first groove has a cross-section having a shape of a trapezoid with a large base at the bottom of the groove.

11. (New): Device according to claim 8, wherein the second groove has a cross-section having a shape of a trapezoid with a large base at the bottom of the groove.

12. (New): Device according to claim 9, wherein the second groove has a cross-section having a shape of a trapezoid with a large base at the bottom of the groove.

13. (New): Device according to claim 10, wherein the second groove has a cross-section having a shape of a trapezoid with a large base at the bottom of the groove.

14. (New): Device according to claim 8, wherein the upper surface of the first plate forms a bottom of the first groove and an upper surface of the second plate forms a bottom of the second groove.